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APPLICANTS: Cohenford et al.
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TITLE: Detection and Typing of Human Papillomavirus Using PNA Probes

GROUP NO.: 1637

EXAMINER: C. Maupin

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action for the above-identified patent application, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 22, 2002.

AMENDMENT

In the claims:

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Please cancel claims 17-37 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 1-37 are pending in this application. Claims 17-37 have been canceled without prejudice. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-16 are pending and belong to the Examiner-defined Group I. A copy of the pending claims are included in this paper.

Restriction Requirement

According to the Office Action, the Examiner has requested restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 between claims 1-16, 18-32, 34, and 36 (Group I) and claims 17, 33, 35, and 37 (Group II).

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, namely, claims drawn to method of amplification as defined by the Examiner. The Examiner has originally characterized claims 1-16, 18-32, 34, and 36 as belonging to Group I. Upon reviewing the pending claims, Applicants realize that claims 18-32 and 34 should depend from claim 1, and claim 36 should depend from claim 35. Therefore, claims 18-32, 34, and 36 should belong to Group II as defined by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants' election to Group I includes claims 1-16.

Respectfully submitted,



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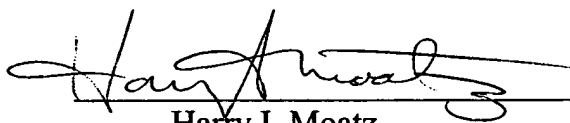
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